

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented). A feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) for distributing fodder and/or drink in metered portions to an animal, which feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) is provided with a feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50) for containing fodder and/or drink, an entrance opening (11, 21, 31, 41, 51) to the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50), and a feed supplying device (13, 23, 33, 43) for supplying an amount of fodder and/or drink to the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50), the feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) being provided with a closing means (25, 30, 40, 46, 50, 55) that is movable across the entrance opening in order to deter an animal visiting the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50) from taking fodder and/or drink, characterized in that the closing means (25, 30, 40, 46, 50, 55) rotates about an axis (26, 36, 45, 57), the closing means being driven by a roll (19, 29, 39, 47, 56) that contacts the closing means, which roll (19, 29, 39, 47, 56) is driven by a motor (28, 38, 48).

Claims 2-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said closing means is movable about said axis so as to close said entrance opening by moving upwardly relative thereto, said feed unit having a catching element thereon which contacts and moves said closing means until said closing means contacts said roll whereupon said roll controls said closing means to cover said entrance opening entirely, whereby said feed unit is no longer in

direct contact with said roll and said feed unit falls back into its original position for receiving fodder and/or drink from said feed supplying device.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 2-26 and add new Claim 27 as set forth on the preceding pages 3 and 4 under the listing of claims.